

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page 1, before line 5, please insert "Field of The Invention".

On page 1, before line 28, insert "Background of The Invention".

On page 8, after line ²²~~23~~, insert "Summary of The Invention".

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On page 9, after line 23, insert:

"Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 is a schematic flow sheet of a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 2 is schematic flow sheet of an alternate embodiment of S1, S2, S3 and C4 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is schematic flow sheet of an alternate embodiment of S1, S2, S3 and C4 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is schematic flow sheet of an alternate embodiment of S1, S2, S3 and C4 of Figure 1."

On page 9, before line 24, insert "Detailed Description of The Invention".

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"Abstract

The present invention relates to a method for purifying (meth)acrylic acid obtained by oxidising propane, propylene, acrolein, isobutane, isobutene, ter-butyl alcohol, (meth)acrolein and mixtures thereof by sending the gaseous reaction mixture to the bottom of a countercurrent absorption column (C1) which is supplied at the top with at least one type of hydrophobic heavy solvent, sending the flow (2) from the bottom of column (C1) to a light component separation column (C2) and sending the flow from the base of column (C2), stream (4) to a separation device made up of three sections, exhaustion (S1), concentration (S2) and rectification (S3) respectively in order to extract pure (meth)acrylic acid."